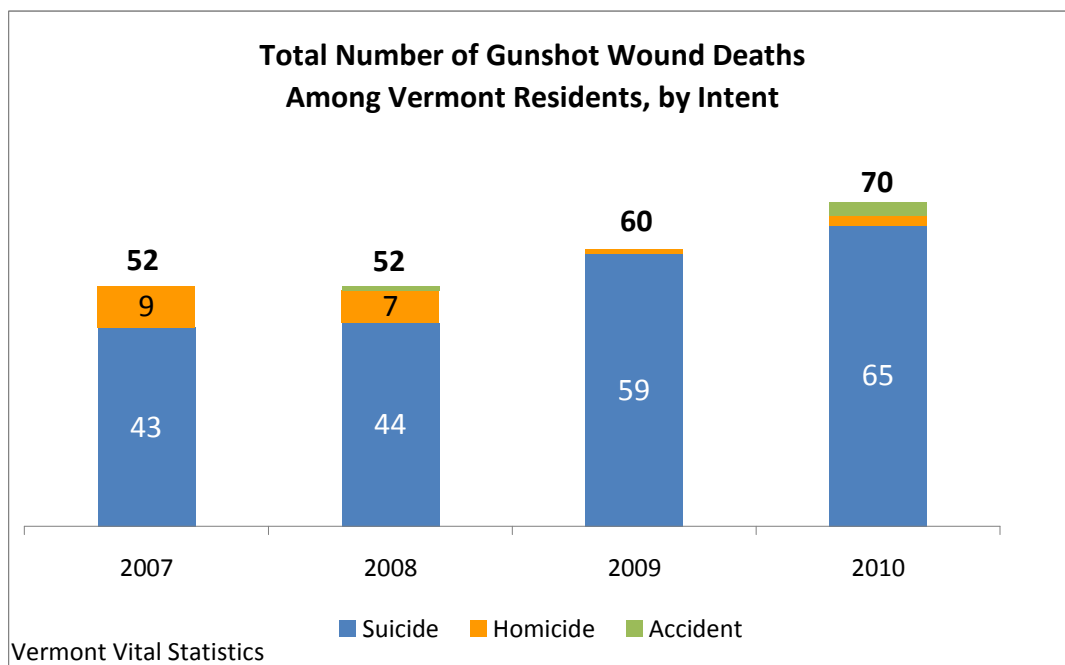


Gunshot Wound Deaths Among Vermont Residents

Recent events throughout the nation have focused attention on mortality and morbidity related to gunshot wounds. Compared to most other states, Vermont has a low rate of occurrence of gunshot injury and death. Further investigation into Vermont's gunshot wound incidents shows that most are related to attempts to end one's life.

Between 2007 and 2010, ninety percent of all gunshot wound deaths were a result of suicide. However, when looking at suicide in the same time period, more than half of all suicides were via gunshot wound. Although the numbers may appear to have increased, there has not been a statistically significant increase in gunshot wound death or suicide in these years.



Males are more likely than females to suffer gunshot wound death, they are more likely to end their lives, and are more likely to end their lives via gunshot wound. Approximately 90% of all gunshot wound deaths are male; about 80% of all suicide deaths are male; and males make up 90% or more of gunshot wound suicide deaths.

Three percent of all gunshot wound suicides between 2007 and 2010 were among those less than 18 years of age. This equates to 6 suicides among youth between 2007 and 2010.

http://healthvermont.gov/family/injury/documents/databrief_gsw_0213.pdf